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PRESS RELEASE

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Released by Lt. Rick Armstrong, (530) 889-7816

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Veteran Placer County Sheriff's Detective Bill Summers is the recipient of a prestigious award for his teaching in the field of homicide investigation.

Summers was bestowed the "Excellence in Instruction" award by the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation, a leading law enforcement training organization. Summers and his teaching partner, Dr. Turon Murad, were selected for the honor from nearly 200 instructors statewide. Murad is a forensic pathologist at California State University, Chico.

Summers and Murad are credited with creating an innovative gravesite excavation course that utilizes buried pigs to teach detectives how to find buried bodies and to ascertain how long they've been dead.



Since 1984, Summers has been involved in investigating nearly every homicide case in Placer County. The 53-year-old has been with the Placer County Sheriff's Department for his entire 31-year law enforcement career. Additionally, he teaches homicide investigation courses for the Department of Justice's Advanced Training Center, and he is a consultant statewide for cold case homicides.

Sheriff Ed Bonner said, "I am very proud of Bill's accomplishments. He is a leader in the Sheriff's Office and has been justifiably recognized as a leader in the field of investigation for the State Of California. He has blended the ability to do the job with the skills to instruct others in a manner that has brought this tremendous honor to him."

Summers also serves as the department's historian and collects Placer County Sheriff's badges as a hobby.

Photo available - contact Lt. Rick Armstrong. PHOTO CAPTION: Placer County Sheriff's Detective Bill Summers, shown with his historical badge collection, was recently honored for his expertise in homicide investigation.

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